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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 8-22 and 24-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 20, 25 and 28 have been amended and claims 6, 7 and 23 have been cancelled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claim 25 was objected to; claims 1-6, 10-13 20, 21 and 24-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Jaakkola et al.; claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Jaakkola et al. in view of Raychaudhuri et al.; claims 7-9 and 22 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claims 14-19 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in claims 6 and 7, claim 20 has been amended to include the subject matter in claim 23; and claim 25 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 28 and the subject matter recited in claim 7

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1, 20 and 25 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

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Further, independent claim 25 has been amended in light of the objection noted in the outstanding Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David A. Bilodeau**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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